

### Children In Need



In November students and staff took part in a whole school sponsored walk for Children in Need.

There was a longer walk for the older students and a shorter walk for the younger ones.

The weather was absolutely terrible, but everyone got wrapped up in waterproof clothing and set off to raise money for this very worthwhile cause.

The walks were fully completed in record time despite the weather and staff were so proud of our students who persevered and didn't complain despite being rained on for most of the time!

Well done to everyone to completed the walk and thank you for your donations and sponsorship money.

### European Day of Languages

This term students participated in a European Day of Languages in school, the day was designed to show our students the wide variety of different languages spoken in Europe.

Our students completed lots of different activities celebrating the diverse range of languages we have on the European Continent and to promote the importance of language learning and intercultural understanding.

Students created maps of Europe on which they painted different landmarks across the European Cities to give them a wider understanding of different countries and their famous landmarks. Some students also read French comic books including Bande Dessinee and the colourful illustrations helped them to follow and understand the story being told.

Students and staff wrote "hello" in a number of different European languages onto a flag which is now displayed in school and showcases the many different greetings the students had learned during the day.



### Anti-bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week 2025 took place from Monday 10th - Friday 14th November, with the theme: Power for Good.

The week kicked off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th, with students and staff wearing odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Students also took part in various anti-bullying activities, learning that no one has a right to bully them and what to do if they need help for themselves or others.





### Creature Ark

In November, staff and students had to face their fears as we were visited by Mags from Creature Ark who provided a fun and educational workshop for us all. It was a hands-on experience with a variety of animals.

Mags introduced us all to ferrets, snakes, spiders, millipedes, tortoises and guinea pigs. Our students were able to handle and experience these different and exotic animals while Mags gave us lots of information about each animal and what makes them unique.

Everyone enjoyed the fascinating experience and staff were very proud of all the students who participated and had the courage to be in the same room and handle these interesting and amazing creatures!



### Forest & Beach School

Despite the cooler weather, pupils have continued to enjoy their Forest School and Beach School lessons and activities.

Students have been very enthusiastic, enjoying lessons outside of the classroom and are learning many practical skills as well as working really well as a team!



### Remembrance Day – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Students spent the day commemorating the service and sacrifice of all those who have defended their countries in wars and other conflicts.

After a two minutes silence at 11 o'clock students completed remembrance themed activities for the rest of the day. Students were able to have positive talks around remembering those who had fallen and paying their respects. There was an art workshop, baking session, crochet session and poetry session.



### Beats Bus!

Two imaginative students teamed up with Beats Bus, a mobile recording studio based in Hull, to write and produce their very own song — a creative partnership that shows just how powerful music education can be. Beats Bus's mission is more than simply making music, it aims to use song writing to teach critical thinking, media literacy, confidence and expression.

Over a series of workshops, the Beats Bus tutors took our students through the whole process; developing ideas, working on lyrics, exploring beats and arranging the track. The students contributed their own themes and helped select the instrumentation with guidance on structure, melody, rhythm and production.

The final product is a song that reflects both pupils' experiences; friendship, hopes and a sense of trying something new outside of their comfort zones. While the style leans on modern beats with some hip-hop influences (a genre central to Beats Bus's teaching ethos), the mood also incorporates personal stories from the pupils' lives.

For many involved, the biggest change has been not just what has been created, but what has been gained. Boosted confidence, improved communication, the experience of working as a small creative team — these are all outcomes that teachers and Beats Bus organisers cite as evidence of the project's value.

### Dates for your Diary

School closes at 12 noon on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 for the Christmas holidays.

School re-opens at 8:50am on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

School closes at 3pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 for the half term holidays.

School re-opens at 8:50am on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026.

School closes at 12 noon on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 for the Easter holidays.

School re-opens at 8:50am on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

School is closed on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026 for the May bank holiday.

School closes at 3pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 for the half term holidays.

School re-opens at 8:50am on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026.

School closes at 12 noon on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026 for the summer holidays.

### School Policies

All school policies are available from reception.

All the staff wish you a very happy Christmas and a healthy new year!

*Merry Christmas*